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3. Blackbird and Cattail Management in the Prairie Potholes. George Linz, USDA-APHIS, Fargo, ND.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service helped to coordinate blackbird habitat modification by reducing cattail habitat on the prairie potholes. This coordinated effort began with an action plan.

The action plan identified the end users and players, critical issues, comfort levels, and communication needed for the project in the agriculture community (including sunflower growers), fish and wildlife agencies, and the public that might be interested in the blackbird and cattail issues. Through this intensive effort of communication, the cattail management project was started and completed without breakdown through special interest group coordination.